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E. O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PINT PLO LE  
SUBJ: HOURANI'S VIEWS ON SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE PLO

REF: ABU DHABI 3155

WE BELIEVE REFTEL MERITS CAREFUL READING. IN OUR JUDGMENT  
IT CONTAINS AN ESPECIALLY THOUGHTFUL AND PERCEPTIVE REVIEW  
OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND ESTIMATE  
OF PLO LEADERSHIP. THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HOURANI  
COINCIDE GENERALLY WITH OURS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY  
THEY CONSTITUTE AN UNUSUAL COMBINATION OF OBJECTIVE  
EXAMINATION WITH INSIDE PERSPECTIVE. WE RECOMMEND  
THAT HIS VIEWS BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY ALL  
THOSE UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE SEIZED WITH THIS PERPLEXING  
LEVANTINE CONUNDRUM. LEWIS

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